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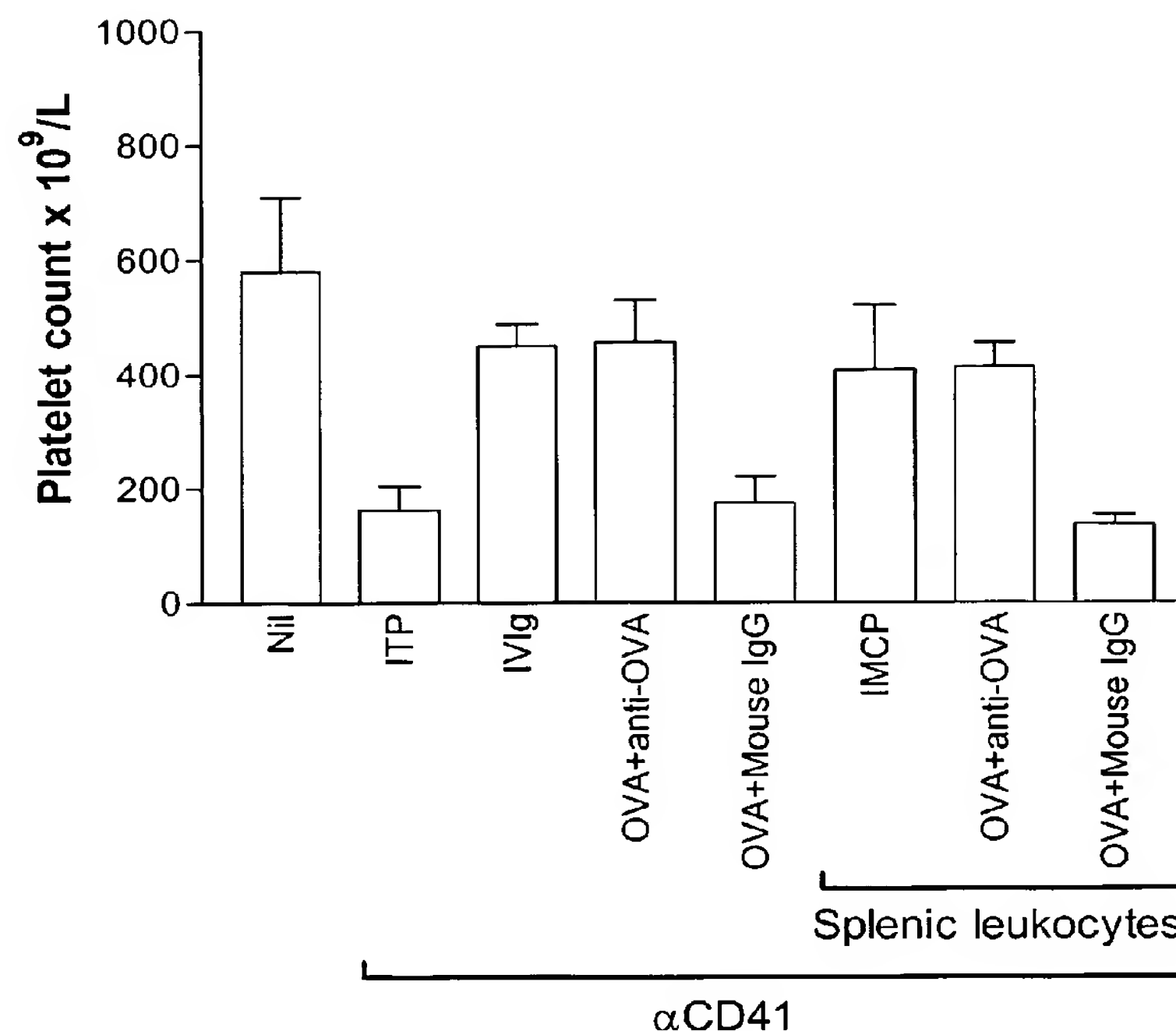
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(54) Title: METHOD FOR TREATING AUTOIMMUNE DISEASES WITH ANTIBODIES



(57) Abstract: A method for treating autoimmune diseases in a mammal which method comprises administering to the mammal an effective amount of at least one antibody specific for a soluble antigen is provided. Furthermore, a novel mechanism of action has been established in accordance with the present invention for antibody-based treatment regimes for autoimmune disease, including but not limited to anti-CD44 and soluble antigen specific antibody treatment regimes.

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